

## Appendix I

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### Scenic Easements



State Route 82 near Patagonia, looking east

Patagonia-Sonoita Scenic Road



#### **Scenic Easements**

The Arizona Transportation Enhancement Program is sponsored by the Arizona Department of Transportation with support from the Federal Highway Administration through the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21). The program provides funding to transportation-related projects that enhance typical surface transportation activities. The acquisition of scenic easements is one of twelve enhancement activities eligible for TEA-21 funding, and in November 1996 an application was made to acquire funding for scenic easements along the Patagonia-Sonoita Scenic Road. The application was accepted and \$585,000 is available for scenic easements once potential locations are identified in the Corridor Management Plan.

#### **The Role of the Corridor Management Plan**

The Corridor Management Plan for the Patagonia-Sonoita Scenic Road identifies areas of greatest concern or of highest potential for scenic easements. These suggestions will then be used by ADOT Right-of-Way to negotiate easements. On March 25, 2002, community members, ADOT, and the consultants attended a scenic road site visit, and identified key locations for easements along the route. Refer to the map at the end of this appendix for these locations.

##### Site Visit Attendees

- Annie McGreevy
- Kathie Knapp, Project Manager, ADOT Roadside Development
- Pete Mayne, ADOT Right-of-Way
- Don McIntosh
- Jim Hathaway
- Jake Kittle
- Doris Wenig
- Laura Mielcarek, Wheat Scharf Associates
- Darlene Showalter, Wheat Scharf Associates
- Kenn Schultz



### **The Role of the Southeastern Arizona Land Trust (SEALT)**

SEALT was established in 1995 as a non-profit private entity to hold conservation easements in the scenic reaches of State Routes 82 and 83. The mission of SEALT is to work cooperatively with private landowners to protect the natural ecosystems and historic ranching traditions of southeastern Arizona. The organization provides technical assistance to those seeking conservation easements and is entrusted with the monitoring responsibility on land in which it holds easements.

Contact Information: Southeastern Arizona Land Trust, PO Box 116, Sonoita, AZ 85637

### **Land Ownership along the Scenic Road**

**State Lands:** The majority of the land from the beginning of the scenic road at milepost 58.0 to where it enters the Coronado National Forest at milepost 46 is state trust land. Easements on state trust land are expensive because the state is obligated to accept nothing less than 100% of the appraised value.

**United States Forest Service Land:** State Route 83 travels through Coronado National Forest. All United States Forest Service land visible from State Route 83 or 82 has been classified as having extremely high or very high public value. Locations identified as possible sites for scenic pull-outs are adjacent to national forest land.

**Bureau of Land Management:** The lands of Las Cienegas National Conservation Area comprise most of the viewshed to the east of State Route 83 from the Empire Mountains to Sonoita. The Las Cienegas Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement classifies most of Las Cienegas National Conservation Area as Class II according to the Bureau of Land Management Visual Resource Inventory. Management of Class II landscapes requires that any changes made in the viewshed must repeat the basic elements of form found in the natural features of the existing landscape.



**Land Ownership along the Scenic Road cont.**

Private Land: All of the land adjacent to State Route 82 from Sonoita to Nogales is privately owned. Land from Sonoita north to milepost 36.8 is also privately owned, as well as small patches in Pima County at the north end of the scenic road. Conservation easements have been suggested as a way to preserve open space while still allowing for private ownership and use of the land. Along the scenic road, easements would allow traditional ranching activities to occur while preserving open space for scenic views.

On land where development is inevitable, scenic easements can be selected to protect portions of a parcel where development would most impact the scenic quality of the road. For example, if the ridges were conserved as open space near the entrance of Patagonia Lake State Park, the fabulous views to the west could be preserved and developable land would still be available.

**Definition of Terms**

Scenic: Scenic America, Inc. defines “scenic” as the composition of features that are regionally representative, associative or inspirational; and these features are measured by their memorableness and distinctiveness of visual impression, their intactness and their unity.

Easement: The rights to specific limited use or enjoyment granted to an individual or nonprofit organization by a property owner.

Conservation Easement: An easement in which the purpose of specific limited uses is to conserve natural or man-made resources on the land. Conservation easements are tailored to the needs of each landowner and can take many specific forms.

Scenic Easement: A special type of conservation easement that restricts certain types of activities that will affect the aesthetic values of the landscape or viewshed.

Transfer Development Rights (TDR): The right to develop a parcel of land that is valuable as open space can be separated from the ownership of the land, and those development rights can be sold and used on land that is more appropriate for development.



**Definition of Terms cont.**

Purchase Development Rights (PDR): Similar to TDR's in that the development rights can be separated from the land itself and sold to a government agency or nonprofit group. This type of transaction allows the private landowner to realize the development value of the land without having to develop it.

Easement Holder: Usually a government agency or nonprofit group that assumes the long-term responsibility for monitoring and enforcing a conservation easement.



State Route 83 looking West



### **Sonoita Crossroads Community Forum Visual Preference Survey**

The Sonoita Crossroads Community Forum is a nonprofit organization made up of citizens from northeastern Santa Cruz County. The goal of the group is to develop a comprehensive plan for northeastern Santa Cruz County using a community-based process. As part of the information-gathering portion of the planning process, a visual preference survey was conducted to identify views that are most valued by the people of Northeastern Santa Cruz County.

The results of this survey should be considered when selecting possible locations for scenic easements. It is especially important to look at the types of landscapes most preferred by residents: views of distant mountain ranges, oak woodlands and riparian meadows and open grassland vistas. It is also useful to note the types of views that were least preferred by residents. These include views of road cuts and views dominated by buildings.

Some of the “top 20” slides included:

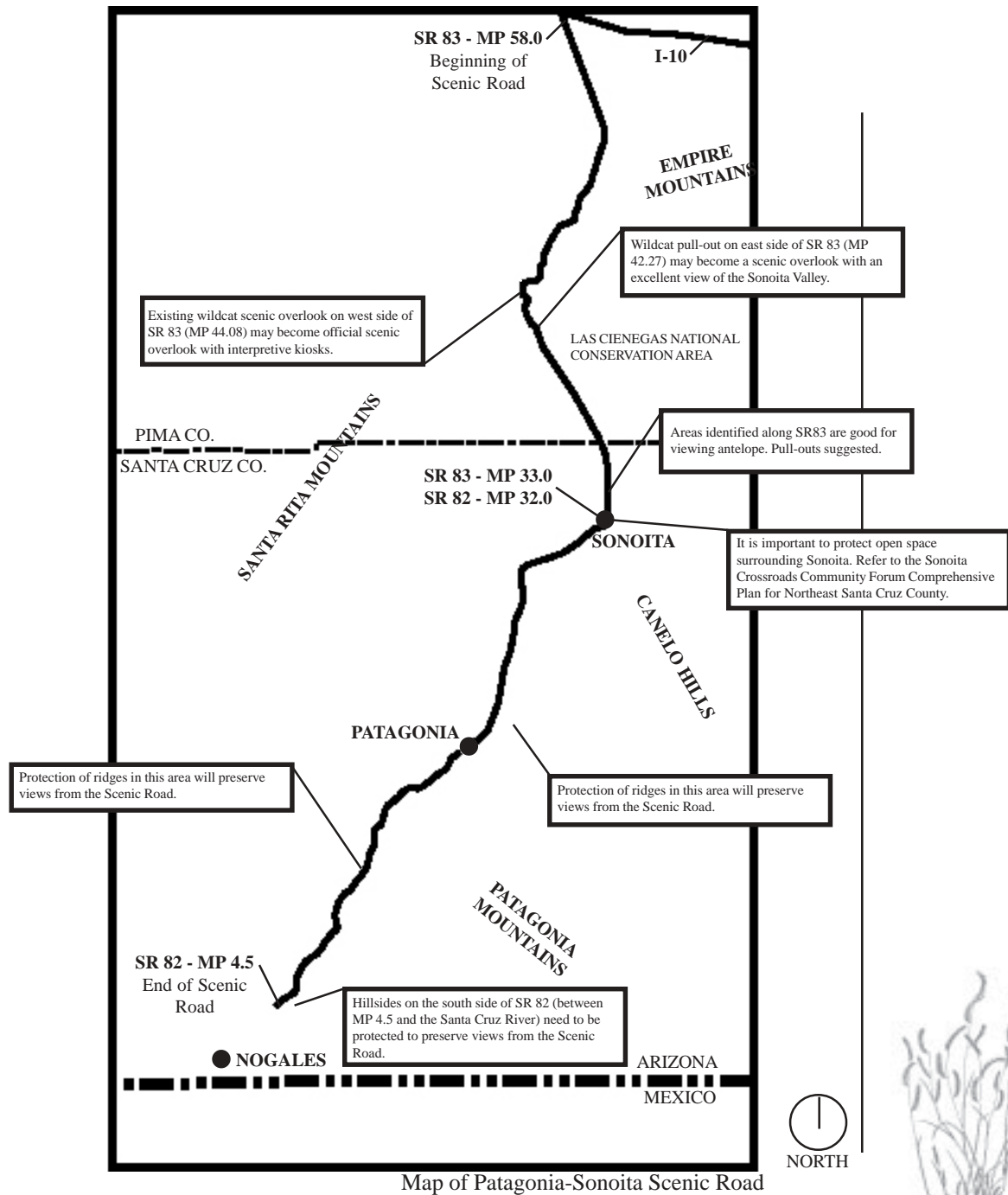
1. Views of the Mustang Mountains from State Route 82 (the 3 most favored views)
2. Views from State Route 83 in the Canelo area that showed oak woodland, a riparian meadow, the Canelo Hills, and the Huachuca Mountains
3. Views of the Babocomari and Empire ranches, both with and without mountains in the background
4. Views from State Route 82 just north of Patagonia looking southeast across the Sonoita Creek bottomlands
5. Views of oak woodlands along State Route 82 near the Ft. Buchanan site
6. Views along State Route 83 north of the Crossroads, looking across open grasslands west toward the Santa Rita Mountains and east toward the Mustang Mountains.



*Appendix I*

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*Scenic Easements*



Map of Patagonia-Sonoita Scenic Road





## Appendix II

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### Action Plan Worksheets



Public meeting participants

Patagonia-Sonoita Scenic Road



### **Action Plan Worksheets**

The charts on the following pages list as action items the specific strategies suggested in Chapters VI through X to fulfill the goals and objectives of the Corridor Management Plan. These charts can be used as a planning tool to prioritize projects and coordinate efforts. Partnership opportunities and funding sources are also suggested as a starting point for action (see Chapter XI for further explanation).

#### Agency & Organization Key:

ADOT	Arizona Department of Transportation	NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
AHS	Arizona Historical Society	PAHS	Pimeria Alta Historical Society
AOT	Arizona Office of Tourism	PAG	Pima Association of Governments
ARR	Audubon Research Ranch	PABA	Patagonia Area Business Association
ASLD	Arizona State Lands Department	PC	Pima County
ASP	Arizona State Parks	PL	Private land owners along Scenic Road
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	PSSRAC	Patagonia-Sonoita Scenic Road Advisory Committee
CNF	Coronado National Forest	SABO	Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory
COC	Chamber of Commerce	SCC	Santa Cruz County
ERF	Empire Ranch Foundation	SCCF	Sonoita Crossroads Community Forum
LBO	Local Business Owners	SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
NS/S	Native Seeds/SEARCH Conservation Farm	SVPP	Sonoita Valley Planning Partnership
NABO	North American Butterfly Organization	TAS	Tucson Audubon Society
		TNC	The Nature Conservancy

### **Goal #1**

**Conserve and enhance the natural and scenic resources that make this area such an important place to protect and a privilege to visit.**

#### **Objective #1**

Protect biotic communities along the Scenic Road, especially the unique riparian habitat and grasslands, and the flora and fauna they support.

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WITHIN 2 YEARS</b>	<b>WITHIN 10 YEARS</b>	<b>ON- GOING</b>	<b>WHO CAN HELP OUT?</b>	<b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</b>
Develop a comprehensive vegetation management plan for the Scenic Road; including a wildflower-planting program.				ADOT, ARR, BLM, CNF, NSSF, TNC	Transportation Enhancement Funds & Arizona Transport. Enhancement Program
Partner with the local and national bird groups to enhance birding activities for the region.				AOT, ASP, SABO, TAS, LBO	Pegasus Foundation
Continue community butterfly garden and butterfly promotions.				ASP, SABO, LBO	Pegasus Foundation
Monitor the use of pesticides, herbicides, and other chemicals within the roadside right-of-way.				ADOT	
Encourage private landowners and agencies to use wildlife friendly fencing along the roadway.				ADOT, ARR, BLM, CNF, PL	Pegasus Foundation
Develop local volunteer citizen organizations to help in vegetation management, trash removal, and other beautification programs along the roadside.				ADOT, LBO	Transportation Enhancement Funds & Arizona Transport. Enhancement Program
Minimize activities on steep slopes or on fragile soils along roadway.				ADOT, PL	
Encourage ranchers and other property owners along the Scenic Road to apply best management practices to their activities on the land.				PL	

#### **Objective #2**

Protect the watersheds, with a focus on streams and riparian areas, along the Scenic Road.

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WITHIN 2 YEARS</b>	<b>WITHIN 10 YEARS</b>	<b>ON- GOING</b>	<b>WHO CAN HELP OUT?</b>	<b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</b>
Review all proposed projects along the Scenic Road to see if they follow context sensitive design guidelines.				ARR, SCCF, SVPP	
Avoid direct highway run-off into cienegas, springs and streams.				ADOT	
Participate in native vegetation programs specifically focused on exotic plant removal in riparian areas.				ARR, BLM, CNF, TNC	Pegasus Foundation
Inform property owners who live near critical streams and riparian areas, about their ecological responsibility.				ARR, SCCF, SVPP	New Earth Foundation

**Goal #1****Conserve and enhance the natural and scenic resources that make this area such an important place to protect and a privilege to visit.****Objective #3**

Protect the beautiful vistas and open space experienced along the Scenic Road, including clean air and starry nights, and minimize visual inconsistencies that detract from the area's rural and natural character.

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WITHIN 2 YEARS</b>	<b>WITHIN 10 YEARS</b>	<b>ON- GOING</b>	<b>WHO CAN HELP OUT?</b>	<b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</b>
Use Enhancement funds to purchase scenic easements along the roadway.				ADOT, BLM, CNF, PL, SCCF, SVPP, SEALT, TNC	Transportation Enhancement Funds & Arizona Transport. Enhancement Program
Encourage landowners along the roadway and in corridor to purchase conservation easements or donate land for conservation easements.				SEALT, PL	
Establish design guidelines and a Design Review Board.				LBO, PC, SCC	National Scenic Byways
Work with counties on implementing zoning and land use ordinances for view protection.				PC, SCC	
Support designs for future development that will be consistent with and not detract from the natural scenic appearance of the Scenic Road Corridor.				PC, SCC	
Work with utility companies and ADOT regarding future utilities along roadway.				ADOT	
Prohibit construction of new billboards and real estate signs along Corridor.				ADOT, PC, SCC	National Scenic Byways
Prevent "light pollution" along the Corridor.				ADOT, PC, SCC	National Scenic Byways
Become involved in development advancements at the Nogales International Airport.				SCC	

## **Goal #2**

### **Protect cultural and historic qualities of the region that reflect the long-standing rural way of life.**

#### **Objective #1**

Protect archaeological sites along the Scenic Road.

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WITHIN 2 YEARS</b>	<b>WITHIN 10 YEARS</b>	<b>ON- GOING</b>	<b>WHO CAN HELP OUT?</b>	<b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</b>
Discourage advertisement of archaeological sites that occur along the roadway.				ADOT, BLM, CNF	
Work with BLM, NRCS, and other agencies for support if archaeological artifacts are discovered on private land.				ASLD, BLM, NRCS	New Earth Foundation

#### **Objective #2**

Protect the ranching lifestyle that prevails along the Scenic Road.

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WITHIN 2 YEARS</b>	<b>WITHIN 10 YEARS</b>	<b>ON- GOING</b>	<b>WHO CAN HELP OUT?</b>	<b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</b>
Help Ranchers stay viable by assisting them in meeting environmental and other requirements.				NRCS, SEALT	New Earth Foundation
Educate ranchers about TDR's, PDR's, and conservation easements.				NRCS, PC, SEALT, SCC	New Earth Foundation

#### **Objective #3**

Protect the historical features along or near the Scenic Road.

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WITHIN 2 YEARS</b>	<b>WITHIN 10 YEARS</b>	<b>ON- GOING</b>	<b>WHO CAN HELP OUT?</b>	<b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</b>
Pursue grant money for enhancement of historical features.				AHS, PAHS, SHPO	State Parks Grant Program
Promote the Empire Ranch House.				BLM, ERF	State Parks Grant Program
Promote existing State Registered structures/sites along the roadway.				SHPO	State Parks Grant Program
Promote and develop the history of transportation in the area.				ADOT, AHS, SHPO	Transportation Enhancement Funds & Arizona Transport. Enhancement Program
Increase features in National Register.				SHPO	State Parks Grant Program
Pursue grant money through Rails-To-Trails program.				ASP	Recreational Trails Program

### **Goal #3**

**Maintain and improve services and facilities, for residents and visitors, that are consistent with small town, rural character and local values.**

#### **Objective #1**

**Emphasize an economic base that focuses on resource conservation.**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WITHIN 2 YEARS</b>	<b>WITHIN 10 YEARS</b>	<b>ON- GOING</b>	<b>WHO CAN HELP OUT?</b>	<b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</b>
Support and work with local chambers of commerce, business associations, and governments to identify and attract businesses that will support the Scenic Road goals and objectives.				COC, LBO	Arizona Community Foundation
Need affordable housing for potential employees.				LBO	Arizona Community Foundation
Focus advertising and marketing on visitors that respects the environment.				AOT, COC, LBO	New Earth Foundation
Highlight local businesses in visitor information sources.				COC	Arizona Community Foundation

#### **Objective #2**

**Promote appropriate cultural activities for residents and visitors that associate with community values. Promote “quiet tourism” that attracts those interested in birding, day trips, weekend gataways, horseback riding, primitive camping, retreats and stargazing.**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WITHIN 2 YEARS</b>	<b>WITHIN 10 YEARS</b>	<b>ON- GOING</b>	<b>WHO CAN HELP OUT?</b>	<b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</b>
Educate AZ Office of Tourism to community values.				AOT	
Educate visitors about facilities and services that are located in Nogales and not available in Patagonia and Sonoita.				AOT, COC, LBO	
Educate visitors about what it's like to live in a very small town.				AOT, COC, LBO	
Develop a 'newcomers' guide.				COC, LBO, PABA	Arizona Community Foundation
Promote special events that highlight the Corridor's intrinsic qualities.				COC, LBO	
Continue to market existing festivals and local attractions.				COC, LBO, PABA	
Set up a booth at existing fairs to market the Scenic Road.				LBO, PABA	Arizona Community Foundation
More promotion for the International experience.				AOT, COC	Arizona Community Foundation
Promote earlier breakfasts and healthier fare for birders and other visitors.				COC, LBO	
Develop interpretive signs for birding and butterflying.				ASP, NABO, SABO, TAS, LBO	Pegasus Foundation
Use of existing facilities, museums, and community centers to inform visitors of local attractions.				LBO	

### **Goal #3**

**Maintain and improve services and facilities, for residents and visitors, that are consistent with small town, rural character and local values.**

#### **Objective #3**

**Develop one or more scenic overlooks to view landscape and wildlife along the Scenic Road.**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WITHIN 2 YEARS</b>	<b>WITHIN 10 YEARS</b>	<b>ON- GOING</b>	<b>WHO CAN HELP OUT?</b>	<b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</b>
Locate two scenic overlooks on State Route 83.				ADOT, BLM, CNF	Transportation Enhancement Funds & Arizona Transport. Enhancement Program
Incorporate a roadside visitor information kiosk.				ADOT, BLM, CNF	Transportation Enhancement Funds & Arizona Transport. Enhancement Program
Use Scenic Road interpretive themes for kiosks or other interpretive panels.				ADOT, BLM, CNF	

#### **Objective #4**

**Protect and promote access to existing recreational areas.**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WITHIN 2 YEARS</b>	<b>WITHIN 10 YEARS</b>	<b>ON- GOING</b>	<b>WHO CAN HELP OUT?</b>	<b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</b>
Improve signage to recreational areas and trailheads.				ADOT, BLM, CNF	Recreational Trails Program
Work with ADOT and Santa Cruz County to maintain and improve roadside facilities				ADOT, SCC	
Partner with the local and a national bird groups to promote birding activities for the region				ASP, NABO, SABO, TAS, LBO	
Publicize community butterfly garden and butterfly promotions.				AOT, LBO, NABO	
Work with agencies on a protection and monitoring strategy for camping and hiking areas, including the Arizona Trail.				ADOT, BLM, CNF	State Parks Grant Program
Support an increase in the number of recreational equipment rental facilities.				COC, LBO, PABA	

**Goal #3**

**Maintain and improve services and facilities, for residents and visitors, that are consistent with small town, rural character and local values.**

**Objective #5**

**Improve “gateways” into Sonoita and Patagonia.**

ACTION ITEM	WITHIN 2 YEARS	WITHIN 10 YEARS	ON- GOING	WHO CAN HELP OUT?	FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
Support goals of the Sonoita Crossroads Community Forum for improvements to the Sonoita Crossroads area.				ADOT, SCCF	
Pursue state and federal funds for landscaping and streetscaping in Patagonia and Sonoita.				ADOT, SCCF, PABA	Transportation Enhancement Funds & Arizona Transport. Enhancement Program
Improve and enhance signage at entrances of towns.				ADOT	Transportation Enhancement Funds & Arizona Transport. Enhancement Program

**Objective #6**

**Develop and enhance the community centers in Sonoita and Patagonia for local interpretation and to provide a location for cultural activities.**

ACTION ITEM	WITHIN 2 YEARS	WITHIN 10 YEARS	ON- GOING	WHO CAN HELP OUT?	FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
Support efforts of Empire Ranch Foundation for a visitor center.				BLM, ERF	
Seek funding sources for community center.				COC, LBO, PABA	Arizona Community Foundation
Develop a committee to initiate the process.				COC, LBO, PABA	

**Objective #7**

**Develop marketing and interpretation materials for the Scenic Road.**

ACTION ITEM	WITHIN 2 YEARS	WITHIN 10 YEARS	ON- GOING	WHO CAN HELP OUT?	FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
Create a simple brochure and/or map for visitors.				Schools (U of A)	National Scenic Byways
Develop materials that can be linked to the internet.				LBO, AOT, ASP	National Scenic Byways
Create scenic byway interpretive themes.				COC, LBO	
Provide materials in different mediums.				LBO	National Scenic Byways



**Goal #4****Improve safety along the Scenic Road for all users without jeopardizing intrinsic qualities.****Objective #1****Provide better safety conditions for bicyclists, pedestrians, and equestrians along the Scenic Road.**

ACTION ITEM	WITHIN 2 YEARS	WITHIN 10 YEARS	ON- GOING	WHO CAN HELP OUT?	FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
Coordination with bicycle community and ADOT.				ADOT	National Scenic Byways
Develop better pedestrian crossings and/or sidewalks.				ADOT	National Scenic Byways
Develop better equestrian signage.				ADOT	Transportation Enhancement Funds & Arizona Transport. Enhancement Program
Keep lane widths to a minimum 12 feet.				ADOT	
More “Watch for Bicyclists” signs.				ADOT	Transportation Enhancement Funds & Arizona Transport. Enhancement Program
Develop intermodal safety education programs.				ADOT	National Scenic Byways
Distribute driving information to increase safety awareness among drivers about non-motorized sharing of roadway.				ADOT	National Scenic Byways

#### **Goal #4**

#### **Improve safety along the Scenic Road for all users without jeopardizing intrinsic qualities.**

##### **Objective #2**

**Reduce the number of through semi trucks and vehicles with wide loads travelling on the Scenic Road.**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WITHIN 2 YEARS</b>	<b>WITHIN 10 YEARS</b>	<b>ON- GOING</b>	<b>WHO CAN HELP OUT?</b>	<b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</b>
Work with ADOT to discourage through semi-truck traffic on a scenic roadway.				ADOT	TIFIA
Work with ADOT and PAG to expedite Marsh Station bridge project.				ADOT, PAG	TIFIA
Open communication with truckers and trucking companies to encourage the use of I-19/I-10 as a preferred route.				ADOT	TIFIA
Clarify mileage in Rand-McNally Motor Carriers Atlas.					TIFIA
Work with Santa Cruz County law enforcement in enforcing speed limits on SR 82 & SR 83.				SCC	TIFIA
Monitor the effects of NAFTA on the volume of trucks using the Scenic Road.				SCC	TIFIA

##### **Objective #3**

**Balance roadway safety with roadway aesthetics and community values.**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WITHIN 2 YEARS</b>	<b>WITHIN 10 YEARS</b>	<b>ON- GOING</b>	<b>WHO CAN HELP OUT?</b>	<b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</b>
Develop methods that are compatible with resource conservation for rock fall on the roadway.				ADOT, CNF	
Increase funding for rock fall clean up in sensitive areas.				ADOT	
Increase signage for hazard areas.				ADOT	
Work with ADOT on the appropriate use, not overuse, of rumble strips, reflectors, and guardrails.				ADOT	
Work with ADOT to ensure that the Scenic Road remains two lanes.				ADOT	

**Goal #4****Improve safety along the Scenic Road for all users without jeopardizing intrinsic qualities.****Objective #4****Discourage vandalism and ensure good maintenance.**

ACTION ITEM	WITHIN 2 YEARS	WITHIN 10 YEARS	ON- GOING	WHO CAN HELP OUT?	FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
Switch to larger, vandal-proof garbage cans at rest areas.				ADOT	Transportation Enhancement Funds & Arizona Transport. Enhancement Program
Require more frequent rest area maintenance. Assist ADOT in obtaining funding for this.				ADOT	Transportation Enhancement Funds & Arizona Transport. Enhancement Program

**Objective #5****Monitor speed limits on the scenic road.**

ACTION ITEM	WITHIN 2 YEARS	WITHIN 10 YEARS	ON- GOING	WHO CAN HELP OUT?	FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
Enforce speed limits.				PC, SCC	
Encourage Border Patrol to use flashing lights and reduce speed.					

**Objective #6****Encourage appropriate signage for the scenic road.**

ACTION ITEM	WITHIN 2 YEARS	WITHIN 10 YEARS	ON- GOING	WHO CAN HELP OUT?	FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
Post directional signs to Scenic Road in nearby communities.				ADOT	Transportation Enhancement Funds & Arizona Transport. Enhancement Program
Encourage communities to adopt policies and measures to minimize or eliminate outdoor advertising and real estate signs along corridor.				COC, PABA, PC, SCC	National Scenic Byways
Advisory Committee to determine location of individual interpretive signs along the roadway.					

**Goal #5**

**Continue to build partnerships and foster cooperation among agencies and organizations to ensure that the goals of the Scenic Road are in harmony with existing programs that protect and enhance the intrinsic qualities along the roadway.**

**Objective #1**

**Increase public awareness of the Scenic Road as a valuable asset to the region, local communities, and agencies.**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WITHIN 2 YEARS</b>	<b>WITHIN 10 YEARS</b>	<b>ON- GOING</b>	<b>WHO CAN HELP OUT?</b>	<b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</b>
Encourage Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and state parks to distribute Scenic Road information.				BLM, CNF	
Monitor local planning boards and commissions, historical groups, conservation commissions, and land trusts to insure that they exercise responsibility in acting to safeguard resources along the Scenic Road.				BLM, CNF, SEALT, SCCF, SVPP	
Encourage education on the Patagonia-Sonoita Scenic Road at schools in Patagonia, Sonoita, and Nogales.				Schools	New Earth Foundation
Attend agency and other organization's meetings to discuss progress in Corridor Management Plan implementation.				BLM, CNF, NRCD, PC, SCC, SCCF, SEALT, SVPP, TNC	
Work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in promoting conservation easements.				NRCD, SEALT	State Growing Smarter Land Grants
Keep local media informed of Corridor Management Plan progress.				COC, LBO	
Staff a booth at a local festival to educate community members of the Scenic Road.				COC, LBO, PABA	Transportation Enhancement Funds & Arizona Transport. Enhancement Program

**Goal #5**

**Continue to build partnerships and foster cooperation among agencies and organizations to ensure that the goals of the Scenic Road are in harmony with existing programs that protect and enhance the intrinsic qualities along the roadway.**

**Objective #2**

**Work with agencies and other planning organizations to ensure the goals, objectives, and strategies of this CMP are included in future planning documents and projects.**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WITHIN 2 YEARS</b>	<b>WITHIN 10 YEARS</b>	<b>ON- GOING</b>	<b>WHO CAN HELP OUT?</b>	<b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</b>
Work with the following agencies and organizations, as suggested by the community, to develop upcoming Santa Cruz County comprehensive plan.				BLM, CNF, COC, PABA, SCC, SCCF	
Work with the Forest Service, BLM, and The Nature Conservancy on management strategies along the roadway.				BLM, CNF, TNC	
Write proposals and grants with agencies and organizations for such things as interpretive signage along the roadway.				BLM, CNF, SCCF, SVPP	TEA-21 Grants
Make sure county zoning officials receive a copy of the Corridor Management Plan and are informed of its goals.				PC, SCC	
Initiate contact with developers along the Scenic Road.				LBO, PABA	
Review plans from other agencies and organizations to ensure that the goals of the Corridor Management Plan are consistent with other plans.				BLM, CNF, SCCF, SVPP	
Work with the Arizona State Land Department to determine that proposed sales, leases, or exchanges of state trust lands, and any resulting development, are consistent with this plan and the accompanying regulations before a transaction is completed.				ASLD, SEALT	State Growing Smarter Land Grants
Work with agencies in organizing a volunteer day on National Public Lands Day.				ASLD, BLM, CNF	

**Goal #5**

**Continue to build partnerships and foster cooperation among agencies and organizations to ensure that the goals of the Scenic Road are in harmony with existing programs that protect and enhance the intrinsic qualities along the roadway.**

**Objective #3**

**Establish a permanent Scenic Road Advisory Committee. The Committee will serve as the caretaker of the Scenic Road by implementing the Corridor Management Plan, and establishing and maintaining important partnerships.**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WITHIN 2 YEARS</b>	<b>WITHIN 10 YEARS</b>	<b>ON-GOING</b>	<b>WHO CAN HELP OUT?</b>	<b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</b>
Make sure representatives from public agencies, county planning and other organizations, are represented on the Scenic Road Advisory Committee, along with a wide range of community members.				ADOT, ASLD, BLM, CNF, SEALT, SCCF, SVPP, TNC	
Set up subcommittees for Advisory Committee, such as funding, interpretation, land use, and historical subcommittees.				ADOT, ASLD, BLM, CNF, SEALT, SCCF, SVPP, TNC	Transportation Enhancement Funds & Arizona Transport. Enhancement Program
Establish a full or part-time coordinator.					Transportation Enhancement Funds & Arizona Transport. Enhancement Program
Conduct quarterly meetings.					
Update the Corridor Management Plan every 5 years.					Transportation Enhancement Funds & Arizona Transport. Enhancement Program

## Appendix III

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### Questionnaires and Response Summaries



State Route 83 near Interstate 10, looking south

Patagonia-Sonoita Scenic Road





**SR 82 & 83  
Patagonia/Sonoita  
Scenic Road**

## **PUBLIC RESPONSE FORM**

**April 10 & 24, 2001**

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting. Please assist us by answering the following questions:

**1. How much do you agree with the following statements:**

Agree A lot	Agree Somewhat	Disagree Somewhat	Disagree A lot	
4	3	2	1	I understand the Corridor Management Process.
4	3	2	1	The meeting was informative.
4	3	2	1	I agree with the draft Statement of Purpose that was developed.

**2. Are there other issues that you think should be recognized? If so, what are they?**

**3. Are there other features along the corridor that you think should be recognized? If so, what are they?**

**4. Are there other organizations and/or individuals that should be involved in this corridor management? If so, what are they?**

**5. Any other comments? Please respond on the back of this form.**

Please return this survey to the sign-in table before leaving tonight. If you would prefer to mail in your comments, please send them to:

Wheat Scharf Associates  
442 N. Sixth Avenue  
Tucson, AZ 85705

**Thank you very much for your assistance.**



## Public Response Form Summary

**April 10 & 24, 2001**

number of responses: 23

**Please assist us by answering the following questions:**

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**2. Are there other issues that you think should be recognized?**

- Wonderful driving experience
- Truck traffic & safety
- County regulations & attitudes toward land to the east of the Santa Cruz River
- Long-term impact on lifestyles
- Traffic light at Sonoita Crossroads
- Restroom at Rest Stop
- Night skies
- Restroom at roadside table on SR 83
- This meeting was well done; had favorable outcome; was respectable to grass roots process & opinions.
- Continue our focus on scenic easement issues.
- Conservation easements
- Use by oversize loads
- Yes, oversized loads and 18-wheelers

**3. Are there other features along the corridor that you think should be recognized?**

- Riparian habitat and the "seasonality" it brings to the driving experience.
- Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Nature Conservancy Preserve
- Native Seed Search Farm
- Fort Buchanan
- Specific mountain peaks; i.e. Red Mountain
- All the historical sites
- Rail X Ranch
- Patagonia Lake
- Highway turn-offs

## Public Response Form Summary

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### 4. Are there other organizations and/or individuals that should be involved in this corridor management process?

Santa Cruz County Planning & Zoning; Mary Dahl, Director  
Sonoita-Elgin Chamber of Commerce  
The Weekly Bulletin  
The Empire Ranch Foundation  
Historical Society  
Cyclists  
Nature groups  
The Nature Conservancy  
Patagonia Town Council  
Sonoita Crossroads Community Forum  
Sonoita BBB  
Save The Scenic Santa Ritas  
NCA (BLM)

### 5. Any other comments?

Would like credentials of Wheat Scharf.  
I think the same people (LeRoy) should be in Sonoita.  
There was an air of distrust at the beginning of the meeting that was dissipated by the end of the meeting.  
Keep the stream running naturally and keep the trees.  
Good job. Glad to have concerns heard in this format.  
Very nice job!  
Use double-sided prints.  
Further define why the CMP is necessary.  
In the Statement of Purpose, you should also include the "need" for the project/plan. Develop the "purpose" and "need" more.  
Good job.  
Do a more detailed introduction of describing the hand-outs (i.e. agenda, flyers, etc.)  
Provide the CMP's boards as hand-outs.  
SR 82 & 83 are well-designed roads.  
About 50% of the meeting was spent on matters that had no hearing on the corridor: Sonoita community; and trying to bar truck traffic, which cannot be done.  
Please do not make this a haven for tourists. Keep Hwy 82's natural southwestern beauty and Sonoita, the southern Arizona western area it is.  
No sidewalks or boulevards, or islands with trees. With more traffic, there is more trash on the road. Please leave us with the natural beauty. So many city people are moving here and they want to bring the "city" with them.

\*for those who answered

April 24,2001

Issue identified by Sonoita and Patagonia community members at April meetings:

**Category of concern:**

Highway safety:

- Wide-load vehicles (deadlock), Pull-offs & trucks
- Trucks!!! - safety & noise, Truckers vs. the community, Enforcement issues with tractor-trailers
- Motorcycles & bicycles
- Rumble strips
- Sonoita Crossroads - dangerous, Safety at the Crossroads, A stop light?
- No shoulders for bicyclists, vehicles, pedestrians, Pedestrian crossings
- Speeding on highway needs to be monitored
- Confusing signage re: speed limits, #'s, color
- Rockfall project

Conserving Scenic Intrinsic Qualities:

- Scenic easements
- Utility lines, Cell towers near Sonoita
- Observatories
- Artificial lights on highway
- Vandalism & non-maintenance at rest stops

Planning for economic development and tourism:

- Planning for change, Planning for the community, not just tourism; first build what the people want, Tourism needs to be planned, Tourism, Zoning/planning - mixed feelings
- National Byway designation, Balancing commercialism with national designation

Conserving Natural Intrinsic Qualities:

- Native plants along easements, Non-native grasses, Exhaust can kill native plants
- Water flow

Building Community:

- Community Center
- "Mainstreet" at the Crossroads: traffic calming, medians, trees, boulevards, sidewalks, speed bumps, topes, needs friction, Sense of community at the Crossroads



SR 82 & 83

Patagonia/Sonoita Scenic Road

## **PUBLIC RESPONSE FORM**

October 3, 2001

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting. Please assist us by answering the following questions:

**1. How much do you agree with the following statements:**

Agree Strongly	Agree Somewhat	Disagree Somewhat	Disagree Strongly
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4	3	2	1	The consultant understands the Six Intrinsic Qualities along the corridor.
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4	3	2	1	The consultant understands the existing conditions along the corridor.
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4	3	2	1	This meeting was informative.
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**2. Please rank the importance of each Intrinsic Quality along your corridor. 1 is very important, 2 is moderately important, and 3 is not so important.**

_____	Archaeological	_____	Natural
_____	Cultural	_____	Recreational
_____	Historic	_____	Scenic

**3. Are you interested in serving on the Scenic Road Advisory Committee? If so, please write your name, phone #, and e-mail address below. Can you recommend others that may be interested?**

**4. Are there other organizations that should be involved in this corridor management plan? If so, what are they?**

**5. What is your favorite tourist attraction along the corridor? Which is your least favorite?**

Please take home and read the hand-outs and two draft chapters. Let us know if you have any comments or questions. Please return this survey to the sign-in table before leaving tonight. If you would prefer to mail in your comments, please send them to:

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442 N. SIXTH AVENUE  
TUCSON, AZ 85705  
PH# 520/884-7911**

**Thank you very much for your assistance.**

**October 3, 2001**

**1. How much do you agree with the following statements**

2. Please rank the importance of each Intrinsic Quality along your corridor.	Very Important	Moderately Important	Not so Important	Number Answered	Number Did Not Answer	Total Score	Average Score
	1	2	3				
Archaeological	1	0	3	4	-4	10	3
Cultural	0	4	0	4	-4	8	2
Historic	2	1	1	4	-4	7	2
Natural	4	2	0	6	-6	8	1
Recreational	0	3	1	4	-4	9	2
Scenic	5	1	0	6	-6	7	1

One respondent ranked the IQ's from 1 to 6: Natural, Scenic, Cultural, Recreational, Historic, Archaeological  
2nd respondent ranked the IQ's from 1 to 6: Scenic, Natural, Recreational, Historic, Cultural, Archaeological

**October 3, 2001**

Please assist us by answering the following questions:	Agree A Lot	Agree Somewhat	Disagree Somewhat	Disagree A Lot	Total Score	Number Answered	Number Did Not Answer	Average Score*
	4	3	2	1				
<b>1. How much do you agree with the following statements:</b>								
The consultant understands the Six Intrinsic Qualities of the corridor.	5	3	0	0	29	8	0	3.63
The consultant understands the existing conditions along the corridor.	1	5	2	0	23	8	0	2.88
This meeting was informative	2	6	0	0	26	8	0	3.25

2. Please rank the importance of each Intrinsic Quality along your corridor.	Very Important	Mod-erately Important	Not so Important	Number Answered	Number Did Not Answer	Total Score	Average Score
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**3. Are there other organizations that should be involved in this corridor management plan? If so, what are they?**

I think you've got them

Sonoita Creek Nature Preserve

Nogales Santa Cruz Historical Society

Sonoita Crossroads Community Forum

SEAZ Land Trust

Sonoita-Elgin Chamber of Commerce

**4. What is your favorite tourist attraction along the corridor?**

Patagonia Town Park

Roadside rest area between Patagonia and Nogales: rocks and creek

Birding - Las Cienegas National Conservation area

scenery and hawks nests, antelope on Cienega

Sonoita Creek Preserve

Pass and rockfall

Cliffs above Patagonia Roadside Rest Area

Wagonwheel Saloon

**5. Which is your least favorite attraction along the corridor?**

I-10 to Sahuarita Rd

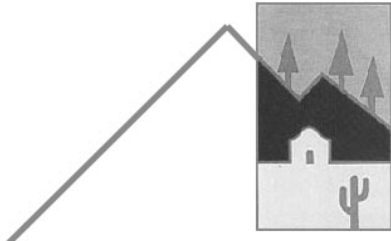
Slummy houses

Steakout & Shell gas station in Sonoita

The Shrine

Sonoita Wayside/Rest Area

Billboards near Nogales



## SCENIC ROAD QUESTIONNAIRE

November 1, 2001

### We want to know what you think about the issues surrounding your scenic road.

The Patagonia/Sonoita Scenic Road was designated as an Arizona State Scenic Road on September 20, 1985. The designated section includes State Route 82 from Nogales to Sonoita and SR 83 from Sonoita to I-10. A planning document for the scenic road, called a corridor management plan (CMP), is currently underway. The purpose of the corridor management plan is to identify the distinguishing characteristics associated with your scenic road and outline, with the active participation of community members, a plan of action to protect and manage those characteristics.

There is an upcoming scenic road planning workshop in Sonoita at the Fire Station on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:30pm. We hope you can attend. Please fill out the following questionnaire and bring it along to the workshop. If you are unable to attend, mail in your responses to Wheat Scharf Associates (address at the end of the questionnaire). Your responses are *very* important in the creation of a successful corridor management plan.

#### 1. How important are these attractions, activities, and services to you in the corridor area?

Please circle the appropriate answer.

Very important	Moderately important	Not so important	Activity/Attraction/Service
1	2	3	Historic interpretation and signage
1	2	3	Ghost towns
1	2	3	Wine tasting, Vineyard tours and events
1	2	3	Patagonia Fall Festival
1	2	3	Santa Cruz County Fair
1	2	3	Interpretative pull-outs and signs
1	2	3	Hiking
1	2	3	Las Cienegas NCA
1	2	3	Patagonia Lake State Park
1	2	3	Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve
1	2	3	Cycling
1	2	3	Horseback riding
1	2	3	Off Highway vehicle access
1	2	3	Visitor facilities at Sonoita Crossroads
1	2	3	Sonoita Rodeo & Santa Cruz County Horse Races



1. (Continued)

Very important	Moderately important	Not so important	Activity/Attraction/Service
1	2	3	Working ranches along the corridor
1	2	3	Visitor facilities in Patagonia
1	2	3	Scenic overlooks along the corridor
1	2	3	Historic buildings along the corridor
1	2	3	Area Restaurants
1	2	3	Area Hotels, Motels, and B&B's
1	2	3	Places to shop for necessities
1	2	3	Places to shop for gifts

2. How important to you are the following uses of State Route 82 and 83?

Very important	Moderately important	Not so important	Use
1	2	3	Truck traffic
1	2	3	Motorcycle use
1	2	3	Bicycle use
1	2	3	Pedestrian use
1	2	3	Delivery trucks
1	2	3	Slow moving 'sight-seeing' traffic
1	2	3	Other uses _____

3. Any further comments would be greatly appreciated (attach another sheet if necessary):

**Thank you very much for your expressing your opinions.**

Please tell us who you are:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring your completed survey to the next public meeting in Sonoita at the Fire Station on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:30pm. or mail in your comments by November 9<sup>th</sup> to:



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Total Number of Surveys Received:  
 High Priority 1.000 - 1.667  
 Medium Priority 1.668 - 2.334  
 Low Priority 2.335 - 3.000

Sorted by Average Score

1. How important are these attractions, activities, and services to you in the corridor area?	Very Important 1	Moderately Important 2	Not so Important 3	Total Score	Number Answered	Average Score*
Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve	47	15	6	95.000	68	1.397
Las Cienegas NCA	44	17	5	93.000	66	1.409
Historic buildings along the corridor	40	23	3	95.000	66	1.439
Scenic overlooks along the corridor	43	15	7	94.000	65	1.446
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Hiking	38	19	9	103.000	66	1.561
Santa Cruz County Fair	38	20	9	105.000	67	1.567
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Patagonia Fall Festival	34	25	9	111.000	68	1.632
Patagonia Lake State Park	35	22	12	115.000	69	1.667
Interpretative pull-outs and signs	29	28	9	112.000	66	1.697
Area Hotels, Motels, and B&B's	25	27	12	115.000	64	1.797
Places to shop for necessities	23	31	11	118.000	65	1.815
Visitor facilities at Sonoita Crossroads	25	26	16	125.000	67	1.866
Ghost towns	23	32	14	129.000	69	1.870
Horseback riding	25	23	18	125.000	66	1.894
Cycling	26	19	23	133.000	68	1.956
Places to shop for gifts	20	28	18	130.000	66	1.970
Wine tasting, Vineyard tours and events	15	25	26	143.000	66	2.167
Off Highway vehicle access	8	12	44	164.000	64	2.563

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Slow moving 'sight-seeing' traffic	27	20	16	115.000	63	1.825
Delivery trucks	26	23	16	120.000	65	1.846
Bicycle use	29	17	20	123.000	66	1.864
Pedestrian use	22	18	25	133.000	65	2.046
Motorcycle use	11	19	35	154.000	65	2.369
Truck traffic	12	9	42	156.000	63	2.476

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Patagonia Sonoita Scenic Road Community Survey  
Written Comments:

Off Highway vehicle access:

- These vehicles destroy environment and make so much noise and dust that everyone's fun is ruined
- Would like heavily restricted
- No! No! No!
- Should be banned from our State
- No
- Does this mean 4 wheelers and dirt bikers? If so, that will scar the natural beauty.
- Discourage
- Limit
- added ++ to 3(not so important)

Trucking Issue:

- don't want (referring to truck traffic)
- added +++ to 3(not so important) (referring to use of road for truck traffic)
- Commercial Trucks (interstate) should use I-19 not Hwy 82 + 83
- noisy avoid
- 82 only
- severely limit
- I believe an effort should be made to reduce the use of Hwy 82 from 90 and up 83 for over-wide loads
- Discourage
- Should not be at all - it is too dangerous - too fast on highways with no shoulders to pull off. I have been forced as near to a rail as possible by large trucks on 2 occasions. It is scary
- Should be a minimal as possible - maybe the overpass on I -10 could be heightened so oversized vehicles didn't have to use 82 & 83
- NO (trucks)
- Truck Traffic - Interstate and future Mexican - should be banned completely - it is ruining the nature of small towns and making highways extremely dangerous!
- State should build higher overpass on I-10 so oversized trucks stop pounding #82/83 to gravel
- should be banned
- local is o.k.
- I think it is very important to work towards minimizing interstate 18-wheeler traffic on the highway
- delivery trucks are necessary
- it (truck traffic) should be limited to commercial delivery only
- very important to eliminate! The primary goals and objectives of the plan cannot be achieved with continued truck traffic. I cycle on 82 north of Patagonia at great risk

#### Cycling:

- too Dangerous - don't change the roadway to accommodate bikes. Bicycles should NOT be allowed on Hwy 83 N of Sonoita - they pose too great a threat to everyone traveling on the Hwy
- need bike lanes
- important but probably draw fewer numbers of people

#### Motorcycles:

- too dangerous - to all of us Do NOT accommodate them or encourage. Most motorcyclists are IDIOTS endangering all of us
- They kill themselves
- noisy avoid

#### Wine tasting, Vineyard tours and events:

- No!
- Current number sufficient
- These seem to draw big crowds

#### Pedestrian use of State Route 82 & 83:

- Dangerous

#### About area restaurants, hotels, motels, B & B's and shopping:

- These are important to the area, but I think we have a good balance
- about Places to shop for necessities - people don't come to a "scenic road" to shop for necessities

#### About other uses for the roadway:

- Use of the road by "Locals passing the slow moving sight seers when we need to get some place!" was very important
- Use of the road for "getting to Tucson and back" was very important
- about use of road for slow moving 'sight-seeing' traffic - Isn't this what a "scenic highway" is all about - sight seeing and enjoying the beauty. Keep speed limits to no more than 55MPH - create areas for people to enjoy
- use for Local traffic very important
- Slow moving 'sight seeing' traffic should not be so slow to endanger
- limit slow moving 'sight seeing' traffic
- tour bus use very important
- places for birdwatchers to pull over very important
- commute to Tucson very important
- local traffic very important
- +++ added to (1) very important for Pedestrian use
- ++ added to (1) very important for Slow moving 'sight-seeing' traffic

Other Comments:

- Natural view scape (unrestricted view of Mtns) was indicated as very important
- Fix up visitor facilities at Sonoita Crossroads
- Keep the Santa Ritas beautiful
- Before spending money on this scenic route, it is vital for ADOT to repair and maintain this State Route 83 from milepost 24-13 since it is also used for all of the above (section 2 of survey) activities
- Hiking - important to those who hike, but the hikers are less in number
- Horseback riding- important but probably draw fewer numbers of people
- Do not do anything to mar the view of the beautiful red cliffs west of Patagonia on Hwy 82!! This is one of the most beautiful spots in Arizona, Rock falling is not a large problem there
- seems like many of these (section 1 of survey) are economic rather than scenic issues
- DO NOT “improve” rest-stop area between Nogales and Patagonia LEAVE IT ALL ONE
- In category 1(of survey) add bird watching (Patagonia roadside rest) as very important
- Make speed limit 25MPH through rock fall area. Leave road alone
- preserve the raw beauty